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1. Sunflower seeds form the principal source of raw material for the Apollo Soap Factory which manufactures soap, candles and glycerin. This factory has 70 employees.
2. According to the informant the entire production of glycerin is reserved for the use of the Rumanian Army. The monthly production amounts to 3,000 kilos. According to informant, glycerin is used especially "for airplanes" (sic).
3. Ten railroad freight cars (i.e., ten tons) of soap is produced each month. The product is packed in boxes weighing 60 kilos each. The overwhelming majority of the monthly production is shipped to the Soviet Union by rail. The quality of the soap produced is very low and many substitutes and impure components are used.
4. Paraffin candles for use in the Rumanian Orthodox churches are also made at this factory.

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